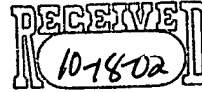


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Patent Office Action
dated July 31, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel Claims 17 through 22 and add the following
new claims:

-- 23 (New) In a signal amplifying circuit system for a
charge coupled device camera the improvement comprising; an
automatic gain control auxiliary amplifying circuit (m₁) having
a low amplification degree and high signal to noise ratio; a
separate auxiliary automatic gain control auxiliary amplifying